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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT OF DECEMBER 11, 2007

SIR:

Applicants elect **Group I** (claims 1, 3, and 5-8) for examination in response to the above-referenced restriction requirement.

Applicants also respectfully request that <u>claim 4</u> (which was omitted from the Restriction Requirement) be included in **Group I** because claim 4 depends from claim 1.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any issues concerning this application. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fees in connection with this matter to Deposit Account No. 11-0600 (Kenyon & Kenyon LLP).

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